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Economic Services Division

Committee on China

(Minutes of the Sixth Meeting -- 1315 hours, 24 September 1954)

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Present: All Members and [REDACTED]

The Division Current Support Memorandum on the China floods has been approved by all concerned and it is in the process of being published.

Floods

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Mr. [REDACTED] stated that it was his personal forecast that future flood control projects would emphasize the construction of detention basins. The present floods have indicated a weakness arising from the previous stress on dike construction.

South China Buildup

Various members presented the facts that they have been able to gather concerning the buildup in South China. In transportation the major buildup has been in motor road construction. There is no evidence of activity in railroad construction on the Indo-Chinese section of Nanning to Hanoi line. The Kunming to Haiphong line is being rapidly reconstructed but it is estimated that war damage, particularly to bridges of the portion within Indo-China, was extensive enough to require from eight months to one year from now to complete this line. 25X1D1a

The task force [REDACTED] has not noted any special activity in this area. It estimates that goods are going from China to Indo-China at the rate of 3 to 4 thousand tons per month and that there may have been a slight decrease in the tonnage because of the floods. However, this task force intends to reappraise its material in view of evidence brought to its attention from collateral sources concerning the buildup.

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